

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public services – Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department - Allegations of misappropriation of funds in DRDA / DDP, Ananthapur District - Imposition of a punishment of 25% cut in pension, permanently, in respect of Sri C.Venkatapathy, Executive Engineer (Retd), Panchayat Raj, Ananthapur District under Rule 9 of the Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 - Orders - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.8

Dated:18-01-2014.
Read the following:

1. G.O. Ms. No. 304 PR & RD (RD. II) Department, Dt.09.07.1999
2. G.O. Rt. No. 1295 PR & RD (RD. II) Department, Dt.16.07.1999
3. G.O. Rt. No. 626 PR & RD (Vig. II) Dept., Dt. 25.03.2004
4. G.O. Rt. No. 1529 PR & RD (Vig. II) Dept., Dt.06.11.2007
5. From the Commissioner of Inquiries D.O. Letter No. 26/COI-CK/2004, Dt. 22.05.2009.
6. Govt. Memo. No. 176/Vig.II/A1/2001-51 PR&RD(Vig. II) Dept., Dt. 18.12.2009.
7. Representation dt. 29.01.2010 & 21.08.2010 of Sri C. Venkatapathy, EE, PR (Retd), Ananthapur.
8. Govt.Memo.No.176/Vig.II/A1/2001-60 PR& RD (Vig. II) Dept.,Dt. 22.01.2013.
9. Explanation of Sri C. Venkatapathy, EE , PR (Retd), dt.03.04.2013.
10. Orders of Hon'ble APAT, Hyderabad in O.A.No. 3304 of 2013, dt.30.04.2013
11. Govt. Letter No. 176/Vig.II/A1/2001-64 PR & RD(Vig.II)Dept.,Dt.17.08.2013.
12. From the APPSC Letter No. 1822/RT/2/2013, dt.12.12.2013
13. From the Hon'ble APAT, C.A.No. 1277 of 2013 in O.A.No. 3304 of 2013 Order dated 16.12.2013.

ORDER:

Based on the V & E recommendations disciplinary action was initiated against Sri C.Venkatapathy, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Ananthapur and Tachipally, Ananthapur District on the allegations of irregularities and misappropriation committed in utilization of DRDA/DDP funds in Ananthapur District during the year 1994-95 and 1996-97 along with others vide reference 2nd read above. The Charged Officer has not submitted any written statement of defence.

2. After examining the matter in detail, the case has been entrusted to Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration Department, for detailed enquiry vide reference 3rd read above.

3. In the reference 4th read above, Government have issued revised orders appointing Smt Chandana Khan, I.A.S., Commissioner, Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration Department, as Enquiry Officer, under Rule 20 (2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991, to conduct departmental enquiry against Sri C.Venkatapathy, Executive Engineer (Retd) along with (5) others.

4. In the reference 5th read above, the Inquiry Officer has submitted her Inquiry Report. In the reference 6th read above the report of the Enquiry Officer was communicated to all Charged Officers with a request to submit their representation on the enquiry report. The Charged Officer Sri C. Venkatapathy, Executive Engineer (Retd), has submitted his representation vide reference 7th read above.

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5. After examining the matter, a provisional decision has been taken to impose the punishment of 25% cut in pension permanently on Sri C. Venkatapathy, Executive Engineer (Retd). Accordingly a Show Cause Notice has been issued to Sri C. Venkatapathy, Executive Engineer (Retd), for submitting his explanation, if any, on the proposed punishment of 25% cut in Pension permanently vide reference 8th read above and the Charged Officer has submitted his explanation to the show cause notice vide reference 9th read above.

6. Meanwhile, the Charged Officer Sri C. Venkatapathy, Executive Engineer (Retd) has filed O.A. No. 3304 of 2013 before the Hon'ble APAT and the Hon'ble APAT vide reference 10th read above has ordered as follows:

“the respondent, i.e. Principal Secretary, PR&RD Department, is directed to pass appropriate orders in accordance with rules, duly considering the explanation given by the applicant, dt.13.04.2013 to the show cause notice dt.22.01.2013. within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order”.

7. The Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has been consulted for their concurrence on the proposed provisional decision of the Government i.e., imposing the punishment of 25% cut in pension permanently on Sri C. Venkatapathy, Executive Engineer (Retd) vide reference 11th read above. The Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has agreed with the proposal of the Government vide reference 12th read above.

8. Sri C. Venkatapathy, Executive Engineer (Retd) has also filed C.A.No. 1277 of 2013 in O.A.No. 3304 of 2013 before the Hon'be APAT and the Hon'ble APAT has granted time till 23.01.2014 for reporting compliance vide reference 13th read above.

9. Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby order to impose the punishment of 25% (twenty five percent) cut in pension permanently on Sri C. Venkatapathy, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (Retd) under Rule 9 of the Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

10. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad shall take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V. NAGI REDDY
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (PR)

To

Sri C. Venkatapathy, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj (Retd)

through Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad in duplicate with a request to obtain and furnish the dated acknowledgement of the orders.

Copy to:

The Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad.

The General Administration (V&E) Department(w. r. to C. No. 436/V&E/NR2/96, Dated 2.06.1998)

The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad. (1822/RT-12/12/2013)

The Secretary, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad (1356/VC.G1/2003)

The P.S. to M(PR&RWS)

The P.S. to Prl. Secy. (PR)

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SECTION OFFICER